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**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

FBIS 2603-87
1 December 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

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I. GENERAL

The ambassador has announced a proposal to relocate the embassy in a vacant 14-story office building in the downtown Plateau section of Abidjan, thereby postponing or abandoning altogether plans to purchase land and construct a building in the early 1990's. FBO approval has been requested to move forward with the project but serious physical security problems with the location may force embassy planners to scrap acquisition of this particular building. ✓

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Abidjan Bureau's host government figured prominently in several key political developments during November. Following charges by the Paris-based JEUNE AFRIQUE magazine linking Ivory Coast to the coup that toppled Burkina Faso's Thomas Sankara, the ruling PDCI-RDA party Political Bureau reacted sharply by denying the allegations and banning further distribution of the magazine in Ivory Coast. London PMU, which shares coverage of the publication, was able to provide a priority text of the controversial article and has assumed coverage of the publication for priority African material until the ban is lifted.

2. The Ivorian minister of National Education issued a statement on the detention of dissident teacher union members who allegedly wanted to "transform the Ivory Coast into a laboratory for Marxist ideas." Aside from the fact that this represented the first public challenge in some years to President Houphouet-Boigny, the local embassy was particularly interested because one of those in detention was the Ivorian spouse of an American citizen who is principal of the American school. The bureau kept the embassy closely informed on this issue.

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3. The health of two regional leaders resulted in open speaker watches during the month. The first arose when Niger's Ali Saibou was named interim chairman of the Supreme Military Council, followed shortly thereafter by the public announcement that Seyni Kountche, head of state for the last 13 years, had died after a long illness. The transition appears to have gone smoothly although there is some speculation that Ali Saibou may only be an interim president. He participated in the coup that brought Kountche to power and no major policy changes have been announced.

The other open speaker watch was instituted when KUNA reported President Mobutu of Zaire was near death. The rumor appears unfounded since he has since had public meetings in Switzerland and the Central African Republic and has personally denied the rumors of a serious illness. It was reported however, that his trip to Switzerland resulted in his being out of country during the Zaire anniversary celebrations for the first time in over 20 years.

4. Other significant events during the month included two small-scale ground clashes between Libyan and Chad forces, the first in over 2 months; the rejection by the Central African Republic Supreme Court of former Emperor Bokassa's death sentence appeal; Nigeria offering military training facilities to the ANC; rioting in Lagos stemming from a traffic altercation which left several dead and in which BBC expressed a keen interest; and criticism from neighboring countries when Ivory Coast announced that passenger landing rights had been granted to flights from RSA.

B. Coverage

The bureau's AFP landline remained out during the month as the local PTT and Ivorian Press Agency coordinated on a line problem. This was further complicated by the relocation of the local AFP office which interrupted testing procedures. The bureau was able to continue coverage from the AFP high frequency transmission but this necessitated the Wire doing a daily backstop to fill in the gap after the RTTY version signed off. It currently appears that a solution is imminent.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Monitor [] and teletypists []
[] received PSI's during the month.

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III. VISITS

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1. [redacted] TDY'd at the bureau on 3 November and 24, 25 November respectively.

2. Newly assigned Political Assistant [redacted] visited on 27 November.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for November 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	244233
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	11910
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	900

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8037.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	7020		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	22980		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1510		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	2030		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			100
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	1450		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	10790		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	0		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
brazzaville mweti in french			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Bata Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	1230		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		3370	
Paris AFP in French		28400	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			0
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	7420		
*Libreville Africa No.1 in English	230		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	430		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Libreville L'UNION in French			450
GHANA			
Accra International Service in English	700		
Accra Domestic Service in English	26470		
Accra GHANAIAAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English	20930		
London WEST AFRICA in English			0
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	4400		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	9302		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan Ivoir'soir in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			4140
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			6920
LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	780		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	9720		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	5660		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			720
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	3800		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	10190		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	600		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	18420		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	540		
Lagos NAN in English		3890	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
RWANDA			
Kigali Domestic Service in French	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	1430		
DAKAR PANA in english		8020	
Dakar PANA in French		5360	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			0
SIERRA LEONE			
Freetown Domestic Service in English	0		
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
THE GAMBIA			
Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0
TOGO			
Lome International Service in French	0		
Lome Domestic Service in French	2670		
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0
ZAIRE			
Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	3000		
Kinshasa AZAP in French		9161	
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0